

The Parish Community of

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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Love God, Love others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2019**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass Time

Monday – Friday 8:15am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 P.M. (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M. (except holiday

Holy Day of Obligation

**7:30 PM (Vigil the day before)
8:15 AM & 12:00 NN**

**weekends including Super Bowl
Sunday, Father's Day, Mother's Day)**

Confession:

**Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 pm
or by appointment (call the parish office)**

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am – 3:00 pm : Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 12:00 nn : Fridays (closed during summer)

Religious Edu. / Youth Min. 973 -729-0489

9:00 am – 3:30 pm: Mon. – Fri. and by appointment

WELCOME:

New parishioners are asked to register by calling or visiting the parish office or by speaking to one of the parish staff. You can also visit our website and register.

WHY A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

The precepts of the Church explained that: we need to belong to a parish (your parish is the Church in the City where you are domiciled) and to contribute to its support. Everyone should do this (Canon 107).

To identify yourself with a worshipping community of faith. Salvation comes to us by God in community. Religion is not meant to be individualistic. Membership in a parish community is the norm.

To allow the priest of the parish to know you so that Letters of Recommendation can be given when needed. (Sponsorship/certificates)

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism will be celebrated at the 11:30am Mass the 1st Sunday of the month or Sundays at 1:00pm. Please call 8 weeks in advance of the date of baptism or email: jennd@saintkateri.org.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangement should be made one year in advance of the marriage date. Please call the office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 3:00pm. Ending with evening prayer, prayer novena to St. Kateri and benediction at 8:00pm.

Rosary Service: We pray the Rosary every Thursday after the 8:15 morning mass. It is followed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome.

Spanish Mass: Every 1st and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00pm. A hospitality dinner to follow the Mass on the 4th Monday of the Month. Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before and after Mass.

IMPACT Bishop's Annual Appeal Newsletter

This issue is spotlighting Sussex County for the month of December. Impact can be found on our website or by visiting www.rcdop.org/baa-news.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Regular Collections		\$29,291
Week Ending 12/01/19	\$7,840	
Week Ending 12/08/19	\$10,396	
Week Ending 12/15/19	\$11,056	
Week Ending 12/22/19	not available at time of printing	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/15/19		(\$33,209)

If you would like to contribute electronically visit our safe and secure website at www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving.

We are thankful for all those parishioners who contribute to the financial support of the church and who take stewardship so seriously.

Please consider Saint Kateri in your estate planning.

The Second Envelope on January 5, 2020 will be for Parish Maintenance.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, Dec. 30: Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15 AM Jim Hyland

Tuesday, Dec. 31: Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

8:15 AM Edward P. Gallagher

7:30 PM Vigil Fred Fossett

Wednesday, Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:15 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM John Pappalardo

Thursday, Jan. 2: Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:15 AM Don and Gloria Latorre

Friday, Jan 3: Christmas Weekday Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 AM Kathy Levicky

Saturday, Jan 4: Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Delores Daly

Sunday, Jan. 5: Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Rev. Patrick F. Rice

9:30 AM Amanda Francisco

11:30 AM Robin Carlson

6:00 PM David Perrelli



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Al Saveriano, Cecelia Radeloff, Henry Schubert, Lilians DiGangi, Tom Booth, Jason Duncan, Patrick Dillsworth, Brian Smith, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittney Johnson, Karen Rendina.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tue. 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Wed. Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thur. 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Fri. 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Sat. 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Sun. Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



We  love
having you as part of our flock

Flocknotes - Get plugged into our Parish!

Get information on Upcoming Event and more.

Receive Notification via txt msg or e-mail.

No Spam - Unsubscribe anytime.

To join text the word "stkateri" to 84576.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019

“Because we are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another: forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.”

As we conclude the calendar, praying for our family, we look to the family of Nazareth as a model. Surely they were tried by travel, poverty, oppressive government edicts, forced to take part in a census, flee a treacherous dictator, but united in the presence of the Christ.

Paul’s teaching allows us to take stock of our own home and family life.

Each virtue he names is like a different room in our home, or steps we ascend daily. If one is missing we can look for it as we begin a new year.

May we ‘dedicate ourselves to thankfulness’; for all the blessings given our family this year and seek His blessings as we turn the page to 2020.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER...

K-10 & Confirmation Classes

• **FFormation Families:** Please mark your calendars for the **Family Session (Session 9)** on **The Eucharist** – Sunday, January 5, 2020 – This session, which happens after the 9:30 Mass, only, replaces the classroom classes for that week. **There will be no classroom classes on Sunday, January 5, 2020 due to the Catechist/Volunteer Mid-Year Review. (See the next announcement.)**

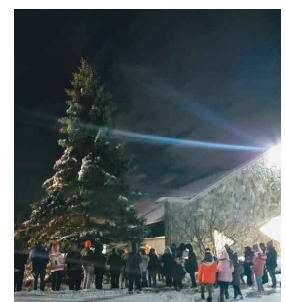
• **Catechists and all FFormation Volunteers** – Please join us on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 12:30pm in the Community Room for our Catechist/Volunteer Mid-Year Review. A lite lunch will be provided as we review the year, and thank you for your dedication to our parish program.



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council St. Kateri #13677 held a membership drive and we may have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to Kofc.org/joinus and enter our council #13677 for local information.

Consecration to the Holy Family

During Mass on Saturday, December 28 and Sunday, December 29 the Knights of Columbus invite each family in the parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Prayer cards will be distributed prior to each mass.



First Annual Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting

Thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen. A good time was had by all! Fa-la-la-la-la

Event Calendar

Monday, Dec. 30, 2019

7:30 PM Wine & Divine

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019

7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.

7:30 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

8:15 AM Mary Mother of God

12:00 PM Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 3, 2020

9:00 AM Morning Book Club

10:30 AM Book Club

3:00 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Wolf Den Meeting

Sunday, January 5, 2020

10:30 AM Family Session

12:30 PM Catechist Mid-Year

In Service

2:00 PM Gabriella Gast

Baptism



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, January 3, 2020

3:00PM to 8:00PM

"Come to me, all who are weary and loaded down with burdens, I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Join us January 18th from 7:45am to 1:45pm.

Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. **To schedule an appointment online: tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS. Sponsor Code 15978.** Call Mary Stanek at 973-349-9191 for more information. **WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Many thanks to all the donors and our great volunteers who made the December Drive a great success.

BLOOD DRIVE JUST 1 DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES

Bereavement Support

Group: "A Journey Toward Healing." The Bereavement Ministry invites all who have encountered the loss of a loved one to join our support group for prayerful reflection and sharing. Sessions will begin on January 7th and continue on the First Tuesday of every month from February to August 2020, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Room. Please call Laura Entwistle at 973-726-8978 if you wish to attend.



Mary, Mother of God

Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 31st at 7:30PM and Wednesday, Jan. 1st at 8:15AM and Noon.

Steak Bowl - SAVE THE DATE January 25, 2020



Tickets on sale in the gathering space.

Ministry Scheduling for January 4th and 5th

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	6:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Gibbons Patricia Kane Pamela Kulick Ed Madzy Nancy Wisby Bruce Entwistle-Head	Not Filled Eileen Francis Linda Duncan Mary Parker Not Filled Not Filled - Head	Jim Brocato Kim McFadden Mike Sawey Nicole Smith Brenda Velez Susan Sawey-Head	Cathy McCrossin Joey Piccotti Bill Reilly Not Filled Not Filled John Piccotti-Head	Paul Dottinger Dawn Green Laura Tirpack Lorraine Insley Ed Tirpack Frank Masters-Head
Lectors - First Second	Not Filled Pam Madzy	Carol Schubert Candala Roslan	Michelle Orlando Bob Piwko	MaryAnne Choma Not Filled	Susan Weaver Samantha LeValley
Altar Server	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mackenzie Shivas NOT FILLED	Sophie Smith Robert Smith	Not Filled Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled

Children Liturgy

Not available at time of printing

Subject to change. Please see Ministry Scheduler for possible changes in the scheduling.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



This week, we are commemorating Feast of the Holy Family. With the closing of the year, this is an appropriate time to review the status of one's family life. And with the opening of a New Year, this reflection provides the family with the opportunity to strive where weaknesses exist. We offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing.

What Life Messages / Lessons we can get as we celebrate this wonderful feast of The Holy Family. Fr. Antony Kadavil (Inside the Vatican) presented some wonderful points that I am going to share with you.

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might

grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well-suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery – the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.'" The CCC adds: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children." (CCC #2223).

Marriage: a Sacrament of holiness. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy – the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish Church through the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home.

On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: "children are a gift from God to you." Children serve as the joy of their parents' young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all our families in the New Year.